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The Dallas Digest

The Mayor's Space

Mayor Brian Dalton



With half a million Oregonians returning from some level of wildfire evacuation order as I write this, perhaps it occurs to you to question what the wildfire risks might be here in Dallas. Stipulating that fire is unpredictable, here's our perspective.

The academic term for our fire situation here is "wildland-urban interface" (WUI). There is a great article on this multi-faceted complexity on Wikipedia which is full of great wisdom on the topic: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wildland%E2%80%93urban_interface. Just suffice it to say that WUI is a growing problem, particularly in the west (like Dallas) and no fun at all.

Obviously, our community is fast expanding as are the rural sectors in the county surrounding us – lots of ranchettes. Especially to the south and west of us, timber and tall vegetation abound around the homes and neighborhoods. Being a Tree City USA, our neighborhoods have benefit of a substantial "urban forest" – shade in the summer and fall colors - but come fire season, what is the risk and how do we deal with it?

We actually are in relatively good shape here. Per the Oregon Department of Forestry, fuel types found in this region do not support aggressive fire behavior. Their Wildland Fire Hazard map of Dallas shows almost all of our community and its immediate surroundings as "Low Risk", the lowest classification. There are several very small bits inside and around the city limits classified as "Medium Risk", third on the five-scale, but virtually all of them are surrounded by low risk properties.

Of great importance, Dallas is gifted with a REALLY good Fire Department whose dedicated members train amazingly well and often. No small thing, they also deploy crews and often equipment to significant wildland fires around the west – we had a whole crew and equipment at the Paradise California fire last year and we have folks deployed to the current Holiday Farm and Slater fires. So, our people come back home with real-world experience, fully aware of how to effectively fight wildland blazes with a deep understanding of these kinds of potentially devastating fires.

A good step for us all to take in this environment, if you haven't already, is to sign up for our Civic Plus emergency notification system. If a fire comes our way, you will want to know what to do and when to do it and this system can help. Just go to the City of Dallas web page at <https://www.ci.dallas.or.us/>, scroll down and click on the orange CIVIC READY logo. For more information about the program, call the City at 503-831-3516.

Be well and thank a firefighter if you get the chance.

City of Dallas 2020 General Election Candidates



Mayor

- Brian Dalton
- Nancy Adams
- Jim Robertson



City Council

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Trahan • Kirsten Collins • Rodney Dunham • Kim Fitzgerald • Ken Woods, Jr. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zach Leigh • Tawnya Kreft • Brad Moreland • Casey Ocupe • Terry Crawford | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra Virden • Zachary Brehm • Darcy Irving • Kathryn Rhoades |
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- Oregon offers online voter registration. You can register by mail to vote by printing a voter registration form, filling it out, and mailing it to your local election office. You can also register to vote in person if you prefer.
- For more information on voting in Polk County, please contact the Polk County Clerk's office at: **503-623-9217** or: <https://www.co.polk.or.us/clerk>

City of Dallas Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Citizen's Budget



CITIZEN'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021



The City of Dallas Citizen's Budget is a condensed version of the city's full budget document, which is prepared prior to each new fiscal year.

The Citizen's Budget and full budget documents are always available at the following locations:

- **Dallas City Website:** <https://dallasor.gov/Finance>
- **Office Of the City Recorder:**
Sam Kaufmann | City Recorder
187 SE Court St. Dallas, OR 97338

General Fund Revenues

	Actual 2017-18	Actual 2018-19	Amended 2019-20	Adopted 2020-21
Taxes	4,024,216	4,323,199	4,510,000	4,700,000
Franchise fees	1,254,229	1,302,982	1,365,000	1,350,000
Licenses	1,923	2,713	2,000	2,000
Intergovernmental/Other agencies	949,036	1,002,135	871,900	869,750
Municipal court fines	246,826	233,146	244,000	233,000
Investment income	88,298	134,020	75,000	100,000
Charges for services	2,723,784	2,831,788	2,735,000	2,604,000
Reimbursements & fund transfers	1,345,417	1,358,425	1,838,800	1,556,200
TOTAL REVENUES	10,633,730	11,188,408	11,641,700	11,414,950
Beginning balances	2,001,125	2,278,858	2,921,045	2,675,050
TOTAL	12,634,855	13,467,266	14,562,745	14,090,000

